

TEXAS

LABOR MARKET REVIEW

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION

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JOB GROWTH INCREASES

Unemployment Rate Remains Same

The Actual (not seasonally adjusted) unemployment rate for Texas remained the same, at 7.4 percent, for the third month in a row in 1992. The current rate was above the May 1991 rate of 6.3 percent. The number of jobless Texans declined over the month by only 3,200, totaling 644,800 in mid-May. Total employment also declined, falling to an estimated 8,082,000.

The seasonally adjusted Texas unemployment rate rose from 7.4 percent in April to 7.5 percent in May. A year ago this rate was 6.5 percent. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate rose from 7.2 percent in April to 7.5 percent in May. In May '91 the rate was 6.8 percent. The U. S. actual rate rose from 7.1 percent to 7.2 percent over the month. One year ago that rate was 6.6 percent.

Nonfarm Salaried Jobs Increase

The number of Nonfarm Salaried Jobs in Texas rose by 24,700 from April to May 1992. **Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment** totaled 7,254,400 in May, which was up by 80,600 from one year ago. Total **Nonmanufacturing** rose by 22,300. At 6,274,800, this was an increase of 85,100 from May '91.

The largest Nonmanufacturing gain appeared in **Wholesale and Retail Trade** which rose by 9,700 over the month. Retail

Trade increased by 7,600 from April. The largest Retail gain, which was seasonal in nature, was reported in Eating and Drinking Places, up by 3,400. Food Stores rose by 2,600, while Automotive Dealers and Service Stations increased by 1,000 over the month. General Merchandise stores gained 900 jobs from April '92. The only Retail loss appeared in Apparel and Accessory Stores, which was down by 300 jobs. Both Building Materials and Garden Supplies and Other Retail Trade remained the same over the month. Wholesale Trade gained 2,100 jobs from April '92.

Services gained 6,000 jobs from last

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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES (In Thousands)

	May '92	Apr. '92	May '91
UNITED STATES (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	126,704.0	125,878.0	124,857.0
Unemployment	9,169.0	8,945.0	8,233.0
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	7.1%	6.6%
Total Employment	117,535.0	116,933.0	116,624.0
UNITED STATES (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	127,160.0	126,830.0	125,259.0
Unemployment	9,504.0	9,155.0	8,529.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5%	7.2%	6.8%
Total Employment	117,656.0	117,675.0	116,730.0
STATE OF TEXAS (ACTUAL)			
Labor Force	8,726.8	8,734.8	8,539.7
Unemployment	644.8	648.0	540.2
Percent Unemployed	7.4%	7.4%	6.3%
Total Employment	8,082.0	8,086.8	7,999.5
STATE OF TEXAS (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)			
Labor Force	8,741.0	8,744.0	8,553.0
Unemployment	659.0	643.0	554.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5%	7.4%	6.5%
Total Employment	8,082.0	8,101.0	7,999.0

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES +
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	May '92*	Apr. '92**	May '91**	May '92*	Apr. '92**	May '91**	May '92*	Apr. '92**	May '91**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,700	51,700	50,300	98,600	98,300	96,800	460,600	462,000	448,200
Total Unemployment	3,300	3,100	3,000	5,500	5,600	4,700	23,400	22,600	19,600
Percent Unemployed	6.4%	6.0%	6.0%	5.6%	5.7%	4.9%	5.1%	4.9%	4.4%
Total Employment ++	48,400	48,600	47,300	93,100	92,700	92,100	437,200	439,400	428,600
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	179,400	180,100	170,300	96,400	96,700	93,400	114,300	113,900	108,100
Total Unemployment	15,400	15,000	11,900	7,100	7,200	4,800	14,000	14,100	13,200
Percent Unemployed	8.6%	8.3%	7.0%	7.4%	7.4%	5.1%	12.2%	12.4%	12.2%
Total Employment ++	164,000	165,100	158,400	89,300	89,500	88,600	100,300	99,800	94,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS***		
Total Civilian Labor Force	66,500	66,500	63,900	169,100	169,000	165,500	1,458.3	1,461.2	1,438.1
Total Unemployment	2,800	2,300	2,200	16,600	16,600	12,500	101.8	103.0	83.0
Percent Unemployed	4.2%	3.5%	3.4%	9.8%	9.8%	7.6%	7.0%	7.0%	5.8%
Total Employment ++	63,700	64,200	61,700	152,500	152,400	153,000	1,356.5	1,358.2	1,355.1
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	257,100	256,000	250,500	740,900	747,100	739,300	115,600	115,000	112,300
Total Unemployment	27,200	27,400	26,400	50,300	56,400	47,400	9,900	9,900	7,600
Percent Unemployed	10.6%	10.7%	10.5%	6.8%	7.5%	6.4%	8.6%	8.6%	6.8%
Total Employment ++	229,900	228,600	224,100	690,600	690,700	691,900	105,700	105,100	104,700
	HOUSTON***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,787.6	1,789.4	1,752.5	100,200	99,900	96,400	57,100	56,900	54,700
Total Unemployment	124.7	123.3	96.0	7,500	7,500	6,300	5,200	5,100	4,900
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	6.9%	5.5%	7.5%	7.5%	6.5%	9.1%	9.0%	9.0%
Total Employment ++	1,662.9	1,666.1	1,656.5	92,700	92,400	90,100	51,900	51,800	49,800
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	82,700	82,800	79,900	116,100	116,600	114,800	165,400	165,900	161,900
Total Unemployment	7,600	7,500	6,300	7,200	7,300	6,100	25,700	27,000	24,500
Percent Unemployed	9.2%	9.2%	7.9%	6.2%	6.3%	5.3%	15.5%	16.3%	15.1%
Total Employment ++	75,100	75,200	73,600	108,900	109,300	108,700	139,700	138,900	137,400
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	50,100	50,200	48,900	54,700	55,000	53,200	45,900	45,800	43,600
Total Unemployment	3,700	3,600	2,500	5,500	5,500	3,300	2,800	2,600	2,100
Percent Unemployed	7.4%	7.2%	5.1%	10.1%	10.0%	6.2%	6.1%	5.7%	4.8%
Total Employment ++	46,400	46,600	46,400	49,200	49,500	49,900	43,100	43,200	41,500
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	620,700	619,200	608,200	46,600	47,100	47,200	58,700	58,900	57,000
Total Unemployment	42,500	40,100	38,900	3,400	3,600	3,100	4,800	4,900	4,500
Percent Unemployed	6.8%	6.5%	6.4%	7.3%	7.6%	6.6%	8.2%	8.3%	7.9%
Total Employment ++	578,200	579,100	569,300	43,200	43,500	44,100	53,900	54,000	52,500
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	76,200	76,100	75,200	39,100	39,200	37,300	93,300	94,600	92,700
Total Unemployment	5,300	5,200	4,700	2,500	2,500	1,800	6,900	6,700	5,900
Percent Unemployed	7.0%	6.8%	6.3%	6.4%	6.4%	4.8%	7.4%	7.1%	6.4%
Total Employment ++	70,900	70,900	70,500	36,600	36,700	35,500	86,400	87,900	86,800
	WICHITA FALLS			STATE OF TEXAS***					
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,400	55,600	54,800				8,726.8	8,734.8	8,539.7
Total Unemployment	4,000	4,000	3,700				644.8	648.0	540.2
Percent Unemployed	7.2%	7.2%	6.8%				7.4%	7.4%	6.3%
Total Employment ++	51,400	51,600	51,100				8,082.0	8,086.8	7,999.5

+ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted). ** Total employment includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.

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month, with the largest increase being in Health Services, up by 3,900. Offices of Medical Doctors and Other Health Practitioners showed a substantial rise of 1,700, while Nursing and Personal Care Facilities generated 500 positions over the month. Medical and Dental Labs and Home Health Care Services rose by 1,600, which was brought about by the continuing need for more skilled nursing and medical care in homes under physician supervision. Other Services and Miscellaneous rose by 2,900, while Amusement, Including Motion Pictures showed a gain of 1,300. These were seasonal gains due to increased outdoor sports and amusement activities across the State. Engineering and Management Services increased by 900, while Business and Repair Services went up by 500 over the month. A loss of 2,300 was reported in Educational Services with the school term drawing to an end and several colleges and universities closing early. Personal Services was down by 1,200, mostly due to the reduced number of tax returns being completed.

The **Construction** industry exhibited significant growth in May, expanding by 3,100 jobs. A majority of the new positions were added by General Building Contractors and in Heavy Construction (Except Building) reflecting increased spending on new

residences and on highway, street and bridge projects.

Total **Government** rose by 1,700 from April '92. Local Government increased by 1,800 due to the increased hiring of seasonal employees for summer activities. State Government remained the same over the month, while Federal Government lost 100 jobs.

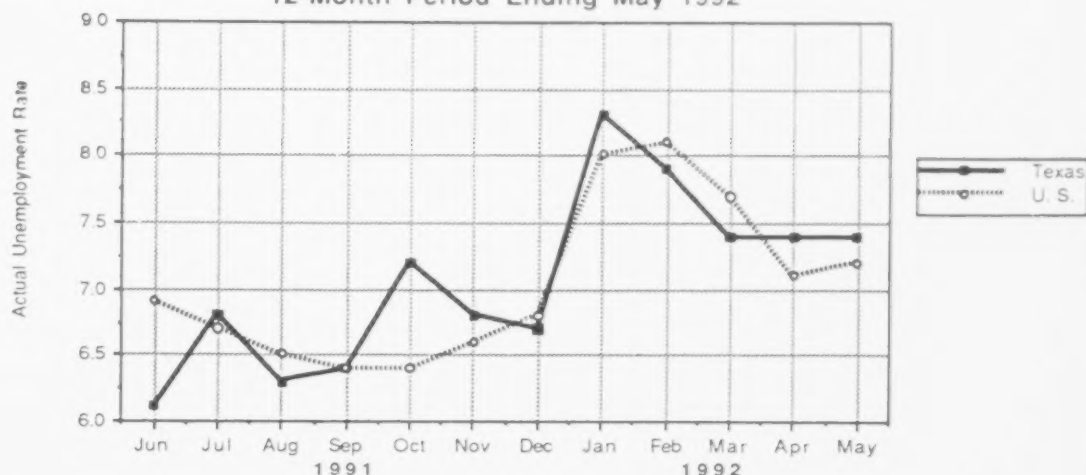
Transportation and Public Utilities gained 1,100 jobs from April '92. Other Transportation showed a gain of 900 fostered by the seasonal increase in airline travel. Communications increased by 200 over the month, while Railroad Transportation and Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services remained the same.

Finance, Insurance and Real Estate gained 800 jobs from one month ago. This increase was found mainly in Other Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, up by 700 over the month. Depository Institutions, Including Banks rose by 300, while Insurance Carriers, Agents and Brokers fell by 200 from one month ago.

Mining produced the only major sector decline in Nonmanufacturing, falling by 100 jobs over the month. This decrease was found in Oil and Gas Extraction.

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Actual (Not Seasonally Adjusted) Unemployment Rate
for Texas and the U. S.
12-Month Period Ending May 1992



TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT †

	MAY '92*	APR. '92**	MAY '91**	Chg. from APR. '92	Chg. from MAY '91
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	7,254,400	7,229,700	7,173,800	24,700	80,600
MANUFACTURING	979,600	977,200	984,100	2,400	-4,500
Durable Goods	550,500	550,100	563,600	400	-13,100
Lumber & Wood Products	30,300	30,400	30,300	-100	0
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	6,400	6,500	6,700	-100	-300
Furniture & Fixtures	16,400	16,400	16,100	0	300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	34,200	34,300	34,400	-100	-200
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Prod.	14,700	14,600	15,000	100	-300
Primary Metal Industries	30,400	30,400	30,900	0	-500
Fabricated Metal Industries	80,400	80,500	83,000	-100	-2,600
Fabr. Structural Metal Prod.	38,500	38,500	39,700	0	-1,200
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	114,800	114,800	118,500	0	-3,700
Oil & Gas Field Machinery	25,100	25,500	28,600	-400	-3,500
Electronic & Other Electrical Equipment	101,400	100,500	104,700	900	-3,300
Transportation Equipment	84,800	85,100	88,900	-300	-4,100
Aircraft & Parts	59,100	59,500	61,400	-400	-2,300
Instruments & Related Prod.	40,400	40,500	40,500	-100	-100
Misc. Manufacturing Industries	17,400	17,200	16,300	200	1,100
Nondurable Goods	429,100	427,100	420,500	2,000	8,600
Food & Kindred Products	95,200	94,900	95,600	300	-400
Meat Products	30,800	30,600	30,400	200	400
Dairy Products	4,300	4,300	4,300	0	0
Bakery Products	10,200	10,100	10,100	100	100
Malt Beverages	3,200	3,200	3,000	0	200
Textile Mill Products	4,000	4,000	3,900	0	100
Apparel & Oth. Fin. Textile Prod.	59,400	58,900	56,700	500	2,700
Paper & Allied Products	25,500	25,300	25,100	200	400
Printing & Publishing	76,600	76,400	75,000	200	1,600
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc.	37,000	36,800	35,200	200	1,800
Chemicals & Allied Products	87,100	87,000	85,300	100	1,800
Petroleum & Coal Products	30,400	30,300	29,700	100	700
Petroleum Refining	27,500	27,400	26,800	100	700
Rubber & Misc. Plastics Products	42,900	42,400	41,600	500	1,300
Leather & Leather Products	7,900	7,800	7,500	100	400
TOTAL NONMANUFACTURING	6,274,800	6,252,500	6,189,700	22,300	85,100
Mining	175,100	175,200	186,900	-100	-11,800
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mtns., exc. Fuel	9,300	9,300	9,500	0	-200
Oil & Gas Extraction	165,800	165,900	177,400	-100	-11,600
Construction	349,500	346,400	346,700	3,100	2,800
Transportation & Public Utilities	434,900	433,800	431,700	1,100	3,200
Railroad Transportation	16,900	16,900	17,400	0	-500
Other Transportation	250,400	249,500	244,800	900	5,600
Transportation by Air	81,400	80,500	77,700	900	3,700
Communications	88,600	88,400	89,400	200	-800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,000	79,000	80,100	0	-1,100
Electric Services	39,400	39,500	40,400	-100	-1,000
Gas Production & Distribution	27,400	27,400	28,100	0	-700
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,742,800	1,733,100	1,733,700	9,700	9,100
Wholesale Trade	435,500	433,400	436,000	2,100	-500
Retail Trade	1,307,300	1,299,700	1,297,700	7,600	9,600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	42,000	42,000	42,600	0	-600
General Merchandise Stores	169,600	168,700	171,500	900	-1,900
Food Stores	242,600	240,000	238,100	2,600	4,500
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	134,500	133,500	132,800	1,000	1,700
Apparel & Accessory Stores	75,900	76,200	78,800	-300	-2,900
Eating & Drinking Places	458,100	454,700	447,700	3,400	10,400
Other Retail Trade	184,600	184,600	186,200	0	-1,600
Finance, Ins. & Real Estate	430,000	429,200	426,900	800	3,100
Depository Insts., incl. Banks	119,300	119,000	120,800	300	-1,500
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	144,400	144,600	141,900	-200	2,500
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	166,300	165,600	164,200	700	2,100
Services	1,823,200	1,817,200	1,766,700	6,000	56,500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	82,100	82,100	83,600	0	-1,500
Personal Services	81,500	82,700	79,000	-1,200	2,500
Business & Repair Services	450,900	450,400	450,900	500	0
Amusement, including Motion Pictures	90,400	89,100	90,100	1,300	300
Health Services	538,000	534,100	498,100	3,900	39,900
Educational Services	89,200	91,500	85,400	-2,300	3,800
Engineering & Mgmt. Services	158,200	157,300	154,200	900	4,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	332,900	330,000	325,400	2,900	7,500
Total Government	1,319,300	1,317,600	1,297,100	1,700	22,200
Federal Government	200,100	200,200	198,200	-100	1,900
State Government	289,900	289,900	275,500	0	14,400
Local Government	829,300	827,500	823,400	1,800	5,900

† Number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT + TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

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	May '92*	Apr. '92**	May '91**	May '92*	Apr. '92**	May '91**	May '92*	Apr. '92**	May '91**	May '92*	Apr. '92**	May '91**
Industry	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN			BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR		
TOTAL	49,600	49,500	48,700	80,500	79,800	79,600	398,600	398,800	391,700	153,700	154,100	149,500
Manufacturing	4,400	4,400	4,300	8,900	8,900	8,500	51,600	51,500	50,700	25,900	26,000	25,300
Mining	1,400	1,400	1,400	800	800	900	700	700	700	2,000	2,000	2,000
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,500	2,700	2,600	3,000	13,300	13,100	12,600	17,100	17,400	15,700
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,600	2,600	5,700	5,600	5,400	13,000	13,000	12,500	10,000	10,000	9,600
Trade	13,000	12,900	12,700	23,100	22,800	23,000	79,100	79,100	78,400	33,300	33,300	33,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000	4,200	4,200	4,200	23,200	23,100	23,300	5,100	5,100	5,000
Services & Misc.	15,200	15,200	14,900	19,000	18,800	18,800	102,600	102,600	100,500	37,900	38,000	36,600
Government	9,300	9,400	9,300	16,100	16,100	15,800	115,100	115,700	113,000	22,400	22,300	22,300
TOTAL	BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN			BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI		
TOTAL	72,600	72,700	72,900	80,800	80,600	77,000	58,600	58,300	57,200	135,400	134,800	136,000
Manufacturing	17,400	17,400	17,200	11,900	11,800	11,100	4,300	4,000	3,600	12,900	13,000	12,900
Mining	2,000	2,000	2,200	—	—	—	600	600	600	3,600	3,500	3,900
Construction	12,100	12,000	12,500	2,300	2,300	2,100	1,700	1,700	1,800	11,200	11,100	11,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,700	2,800	3,000	3,800	3,800	3,600	1,400	1,400	1,400	6,800	6,600	7,100
Trade	12,900	12,800	12,800	22,100	22,100	21,100	12,300	12,200	11,900	31,900	31,700	31,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,800	1,900	1,900	3,700	3,800	3,700	1,800	1,700	1,800	5,900	5,800	6,200
Services & Misc.	11,200	11,200	10,800	18,900	18,800	17,800	11,000	11,100	11,200	33,200	33,200	32,400
Government	12,500	12,600	12,500	18,100	18,000	17,600	25,500	25,600	24,900	29,900	29,900	30,300
TOTAL	DALLAS ***			EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	1,380.4	1,374.9	1,377.8	214,700	212,400	209,400	588,700	586,000	588,400	79,400	78,800	78,800
Manufacturing	209.6	209.1	214.3	41,700	40,500	40,400	101,300	101,400	108,100	8,700	8,700	8,800
Mining	18.0	17.9	18.4	—	—	—	4,300	4,300	4,500	700	700	800
Construction	43.9	43.5	46.5	8,000	7,900	7,700	20,500	20,300	21,900	4,200	4,300	4,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	85.5	85.2	83.2	11,000	10,800	10,600	59,100	58,800	57,100	5,300	5,300	5,500
Trade	357.5	354.7	351.7	53,300	53,100	52,200	146,900	146,200	148,800	16,900	16,600	16,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	125.3	125.7	127.5	8,100	8,200	8,200	27,900	27,600	28,800	5,500	5,500	5,500
Services & Misc.	371.0	369.3	369.7	45,600	45,200	44,600	148,200	147,100	142,700	14,700	14,500	14,500
Government	169.6	169.5	166.5	47,000	46,700	45,700	80,500	80,300	76,500	23,400	23,200	22,500
TOTAL	HOUSTON ***			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO			LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	1,638.1	1,633.4	1,640.6	76,500	76,000	74,800	49,100	49,000	47,300	71,100	71,200	70,300
Manufacturing	179.7	180.1	182.7	8,200	8,100	8,400	1,700	1,700	1,800	16,100	16,100	16,100
Mining	67.1	67.4	70.3	—	—	—	1,900	1,900	1,900	3,400	3,400	3,500
Construction	113.8	113.2	114.8	2,500	2,400	2,500	1,600	1,600	1,500	3,700	3,700	3,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	110.5	110.3	115.7	2,700	2,700	2,500	7,400	7,400	7,000	3,500	3,500	3,600
Trade	381.2	378.4	380.8	16,800	16,700	16,500	15,200	15,200	14,700	17,500	17,700	17,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	98.8	98.6	100.1	3,200	3,200	3,100	2,000	1,900	1,900	2,600	2,600	2,600
Services & Misc.	466.2	464.2	459.1	19,100	18,900	18,400	8,400	8,400	8,000	14,900	14,800	14,400
Government	220.8	221.2	217.1	24,000	24,000	23,400	10,900	10,900	10,500	9,400	9,400	9,300
TOTAL	LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			MIDLAND			ODESSA		
TOTAL	98,000	98,100	98,100	106,000	106,200	104,000	46,100	46,300	46,200	45,000	44,700	45,400
Manufacturing	7,000	7,000	7,000	13,000	13,000	12,700	2,200	2,200	2,200	4,400	4,200	4,300
Mining	200	200	200	800	800	900	9,400	9,400	9,500	5,100	5,200	5,600
Construction	3,900	3,800	3,300	4,400	4,400	4,200	1,400	1,400	1,400	2,700	2,600	2,500
Trans., Comm. & Util.	5,200	5,300	5,400	3,100	3,100	2,800	2,300	2,300	2,400	2,300	2,300	2,200
Trade	27,000	27,100	26,000	32,700	32,600	32,700	10,900	10,900	10,800	12,400	12,200	12,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,600	4,600	4,900	3,700	3,700	3,700	2,100	2,200	2,200	1,300	1,300	1,400
Services & Misc.	26,400	26,300	25,700	19,100	19,100	18,500	10,200	10,200	10,000	8,700	8,800	8,600
Government	23,700	23,800	23,600	29,200	29,500	28,500	7,600	7,700	7,700	8,100	8,100	8,200
TOTAL	SAN ANGELO			SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
TOTAL	38,400	38,300	37,200	537,800	535,200	528,600	37,000	37,100	37,700	47,100	47,000	46,200
Manufacturing	5,000	5,000	4,900	46,500	46,000	45,800	10,000	10,000	10,800	6,100	6,100	6,300
Mining	500	500	600	1,800	1,800	2,000	—	—	—	100	100	100
Construction	1,100	1,100	1,100	22,200	22,500	22,400	1,400	1,400	1,500	1,500	1,400	1,300
Trans., Comm. & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800	23,500	23,100	22,600	1,700	1,700	1,600	2,200	2,100	2,300
Trade	9,300	9,200	9,000	130,300	129,500	130,100	7,600	7,600	7,700	11,300	11,300	11,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,500	38,400	38,200	38,700	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,700	1,700	1,800
Services & Misc.	10,300	10,300	9,600	150,100	149,400	146,000	9,700	9,800	9,400	11,900	12,000	11,200
Government	7,800	7,800	7,700	125,000	124,700	121,000	4,600	4,600	4,700	12,300	12,300	12,100
TOTAL	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO			WICHITA FALLS		
TOTAL	64,400	64,000	64,000	30,800	30,700	30,100	81,800	83,000	82,600	50,200	50,200	50,200
Manufacturing	11,300	11,000	10,700	2,900	2,800	3,000	14,600	14,900	15,500	7,900	8,000	8,000
Mining	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,400	1,600	1,600	—	—	—	1,400	1,400	1,400
Construction	2,200	2,300	2,100	1,900	1,900	2,000	3,100	3,000	3,100	1,400	1,400	1,400
Trans., Comm. & Util.	3,000	2,900	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,500	3,400	3,400	3,400	2,700	2,700	2,700
Trade	16,500	16,400	15,900	8,600	8,500	8,100	19,300	19,300	19,500	11,700	11,700	11,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,300	1,600	1,600	1,700	5,200	5,200	5,300	2,200	2,200	2,100
Services & Misc.	16,400	16,400	16,600	7,300	7,400	6,800	22,600	23,500	22,000	13,000	12,500	12,800
Government	10,100	10,100	10,800	5,600	5,400	5,400	13,600	13,700	13,800	9,900	9,900	10,200

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* Preliminary — subject to revision. ** Revised. *** In Thousands.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS †

	Average May '92*	Weekly Apr. '92	Earnings May '91	Average May '92*	Weekly Apr. '92	Hours May '91	Average May '92*	Hourly Apr. '92	Earnings May '91
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	\$ 466.40	\$ 465.47	\$ 452.94	42.4	42.2	41.9	\$ 11.00	\$11.03	\$10.81
Durable Goods	454.12	447.30	443.31	42.6	42.0	42.1	10.66	10.65	10.53
Lumber & Wood Products	327.56	323.24	311.44	43.1	42.7	42.2	7.60	7.57	7.38
Furniture & Fixtures	319.30	307.53	300.44	41.2	40.2	40.6	7.75	7.65	7.40
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	436.04	432.74	410.02	44.0	43.8	42.8	9.91	9.88	9.58
Primary Metal Industries	516.26	507.17	488.20	43.9	43.2	42.6	11.76	11.74	11.46
Fabricated Metal Products	440.79	425.04	410.76	43.3	42.0	42.0	10.18	10.12	9.78
Industrial Mach., exc. Electric	448.24	439.45	442.55	43.1	42.5	42.8	10.40	10.34	10.34
Oil Field Machinery	552.25	535.65	562.70	47.0	45.9	48.3	11.75	11.67	11.65
Electronic & Oth. Electrical Eqmt.	453.46	442.49	435.69	41.0	39.9	39.5	11.06	11.09	11.03
Transportation Equipment	610.87	612.50	638.00	42.1	42.3	44.0	14.51	14.48	14.50
Instruments & Related Prod.	443.10	442.05	419.98	42.2	41.9	41.5	10.50	10.55	10.12
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	321.96	327.20	323.82	40.6	40.9	42.0	7.93	8.00	7.71
Nondurable Goods	481.50	486.03	465.79	42.2	42.3	41.7	11.41	11.49	11.17
Food & Kindred Products	390.71	390.93	386.81	42.7	42.4	42.6	9.15	9.22	9.08
Meat Products	301.33	290.46	288.49	42.5	41.2	42.3	7.09	7.05	6.82
Malt Beverages	1,018.13	961.36	1,064.16	49.4	46.6	53.8	20.61	20.63	19.78
Textile Mill Products	380.30	380.40	361.74	44.9	44.7	43.9	8.47	8.51	8.24
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	244.35	238.50	229.40	38.3	37.5	37.3	6.38	6.36	6.15
Paper & Allied Products	547.20	536.35	509.54	45.0	44.4	43.7	12.16	12.08	11.66
Printing & Publishing	433.09	438.37	425.42	39.3	39.6	39.5	11.02	11.07	10.77
Chemicals & Allied Products	768.32	786.39	760.79	44.8	45.8	44.7	17.15	17.17	17.02
Petroleum & Coal Products	851.00	867.56	793.71	46.2	46.0	45.2	18.42	18.86	17.56
Petroleum Refining	881.55	899.30	823.10	46.3	46.0	45.3	19.04	19.55	18.17
Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products	410.77	425.72	390.52	42.7	44.3	41.5	9.62	9.61	9.41
Leather & Leather Products	266.27	267.81	267.44	39.1	39.5	39.1	6.81	6.78	6.84
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	698.20	668.36	654.59	44.9	43.4	45.3	15.55	15.40	14.45
Met/Coal Nonmet Minrs. exc. Fuel	657.36	659.78	580.58	47.6	47.5	45.5	13.81	13.89	12.76
Oil & Gas Extraction	700.90	670.03	659.57	44.7	43.2	45.3	15.68	15.51	14.56
Communications	555.79	567.42	538.68	41.2	42.0	40.2	13.49	13.51	13.40
Elec., Gas & San. Services	564.67	566.64	564.48	40.8	41.3	42.0	13.84	13.72	13.44
Wholesale & Retail Trade	260.04	258.66	252.12	33.0	32.7	32.7	7.88	7.91	7.71
Wholesale Trade	449.92	451.60	432.04	40.1	40.0	39.6	11.22	11.29	10.91
Retail Trade	202.66	200.69	195.81	30.8	30.5	30.5	6.58	6.58	6.42
General Merchandise Stores	198.11	201.96	194.10	30.2	30.6	30.0	6.56	6.60	6.47
Depository Institutions Banks	322.71	325.74	318.14	36.3	36.6	36.4	8.89	8.90	8.74

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	\$ 441.32	\$ 435.48	\$ 427.85	41.4	41.2	41.1	\$ 10.66	\$ 10.57	\$ 10.41
Durable Goods	455.81	444.99	441.00	41.4	40.9	41.1	11.01	10.88	10.73
Nondurable Goods	418.14	420.34	407.47	41.4	41.7	41.2	10.10	10.08	9.89
FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON									
Manufacturing	488.04	483.39	494.58	41.5	41.0	42.2	11.76	11.79	11.72
Durable Goods	508.39	498.16	523.93	41.4	40.6	42.7	12.28	12.27	12.27
Nondurable Goods	450.19	453.86	434.43	41.8	41.6	41.1	10.77	10.91	10.57
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	568.48	564.58	558.11	44.0	43.8	44.9	12.92	12.89	12.43
Durable Goods	490.84	478.95	482.23	44.5	43.7	44.9	11.03	10.96	10.74
Nondurable Goods	667.73	672.55	665.42	43.5	43.9	44.9	15.35	15.32	14.82
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	344.77	346.50	329.26	42.2	42.0	40.4	8.17	8.25	8.15
Durable Goods	349.03	357.84	335.78	41.9	42.6	40.8	8.33	8.40	8.23
Nondurable Goods	341.28	335.75	322.80	42.5	41.4	40.0	8.03	8.11	8.07

† Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. * Preliminary — subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.

SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.

Manufacturing rose by 2,400 from April. At 979,600, this was down by 4,500 from May '91. **Nondurable Goods** increased by 2,000 over the month. Both Apparel and Other Finished Textile Products and Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products moved ahead by 500 from a month ago. Food and Kindred Products rose by 300, while both Paper and Allied Products and Printing and Publishing increased by 200. Smaller increases of 100 each were found in Chemicals and Allied Products, Petroleum and Coal Products and Leather and Leather Products.

Durable Goods rose by 400 overall from April '92. Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment showed a significant gain of 900 jobs. This expansion was concentrated in Electronic Components and Accessories, related to a new state-of-the-art computer chip-making plant. Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries increased by 200 over the month, while the rest of the Durable Goods major sectors fell or remained steady from last month.

Average Weekly Earnings Increase

For the estimated 645,200 Texas Manufacturing Production Workers, Average Hourly Earnings decreased by three cents over the month and Average Weekly Hours were up by two-tenths of an hour, causing Average Weekly Earnings to increase by ninety-three cents from April

TEC ACTIVITIES		
	May'92	May'91
Total Population	17,651,000*	17,289,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.4	2.0
UI Covered Employers	330,968	322,789
Total Claims Actions	688,739	678,801
Total Initial Claims Actions	69,332	66,158
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	619,407	612,643
Total Placements	28,277	33,816
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	\$171.30	\$166.28
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	84,458,038	84,014,372

*Revised.
**Regular State UI benefits.

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1992. This was \$13.46 above the May '91 level of \$452.94.

In mid-May a worker, on average, was earning \$11.00 per hour for a 42.4-hour work week and making \$466.40 in average weekly earnings.

Durable Goods reported an increase of \$6.82 in Average Weekly Earnings over the month. The largest increase in Durables was seen in Oil Field Machinery (part of Industrial Machinery, Except Electric) which rose by \$16.60 from April '92. Fabricated Metal Products increased by \$15.75, while Furniture and Fixtures went up by \$11.77 in Average Weekly Earnings. Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries reported the largest Durable decrease, down by \$5.24 over the month.

Nondurable Goods went down by \$4.53 in Average Weekly Earnings from April. The largest Nondurable decrease appeared in Chemicals and Allied Products, down by \$18.07. Malt Beverages (within Food and Kindred Products) went up by \$56.77 over the month due to major breweries scheduling longer work weeks in May.

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